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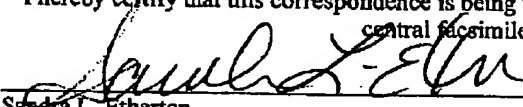
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This is a response to the final office action dated December 13, 2005, with a shortened statutory response set to expire three months from that date. This response is filed within that period and is considered timely filed.

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